

From: Novikov@erols.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, Jan 23, 2003 10:19 PM
Subject: Consider The Needs Of Children!

FCC Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein

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Sincerely,

Katherine Novikov
12169 Hidden Brook Terr
North Potomac, Maryland 20878

cc:
Senator Paul Sarbanes
Senator Barbara Mikulski
Representative Chris Van Hollen

From: ndubus@bu.edu
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, Jan 24, 2003 12:02 AM
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Nicole Dubus
81 Friend St
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Senator Edward Kennedy
Senator John Kerry
Representative John Tierney

From: ptaforkids@aol.com
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p o box 2992
orangevale. California 95662

cc:
Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer
Representative John Doolittle

From: Tommy Garrett
To: Tommy Garrett
Date: Fri. Jan 24, 2003 5:51 PM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

02-377

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Breaux
Senator Landrieu
Representative Baker
Message text follows:

Tommy Garrett
7626 Gov Blanchard Dr
Baton Rouge, LA 70811-2009

January 24.2003

[recipient address was inserted here]

[recipient name was inserted here],

The Federal Communications Commission is considering taking actions that will restrict consumer choice by deregulating local phone service.

Millions of Americans like me could have their phone service threatened if the local phone companies arent required to allow competitors access to the market. Im also concerned about the Commissions move to relieve all broadband Internet access facilities of open access obligations.

Both of these key decisions will limit my choices as a consumer by lessening competition, diminishing cost savings and threatening consumer protections. As a constituent, I urge you to support competition and open access for local phone service.

Sincerely,

Tommy Garrett

From: Theodore Ernst
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, Jan 24, 2003 5:25 AM
Subject: Keep media free and competitive

02-277

Dear Commissioner Powell:

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Chicago IL 60612

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From: tfaranca@hotmail.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
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Toni Sexton
Box 1171
Seeley Lake, Montana 59868

cc:
Senator Max Baucus
Senator Conrad Burns
Representative Denny Rehberg

From: wmarion1941@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, Jan 24, 2003 3:52 PM
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Windella Marion
160 Pine Grove Grive
So. Hadley, Massachusetts 01075-3200

cc:
Senator Edward Kennedy
Senator John Kerry
Representative Richard Neal

From: William Schoeneck
To: William Schoeneck
Date: Fri, Jan 24.2003 8:03 PM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

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Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Schumer
Senator Clinton
Representative Walsh
Message text follows:

William Schoeneck
406 Newcastle Rd.
Syracuse, NY 13219

January 24,2003

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To: Commissioner Adelstein
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Martha Allen
1940 Calvert St. NW
Washington, District of Columbia 20009-1502

cc:
Delegate Eleanor Norton

02-277

From: W M Kirkpatrick
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sat, Jan 25, 2003 10:12 AM
Subject: FCC protect media independence

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02-97?

From: voices@media-alliance.org
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, Jan 24.2003 9:48 AM
Subject: Media Concentration: reply to public comments

Chairman Michael K. Powell:

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review -
Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules
and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996,
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking,
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Thank you,

814 Mission St.
San Francisco, CA. 94103

02-277

From: NENERABLE@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, Jan 25, 2003 1:38 AM
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Terri Venerable-Harding
623 Millich Drive
Campbell, California 95008

cc:
Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer
Representative Mike Honda

From: tracymcclellan
To: Mike Powell
Date: Thu. Jan 23, 2003 10:18 PM
Subject: Preserve Media Diversity

02-277

Dear Mr. Powell:

I think media diversity should be a top priority for the FCC. Media concentration cripples democracy. Please use your offices at the FCC to preserve and not weaken the rule prohibiting cross ownership of newspapers and television stations in the same market.

Thank you,

Tracy McLellan
P O Box 2542
Madison, Wi 53701

In Solidarity,

Tracy McLellan

Wherever you are, There you is.

-Frank Zappa

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From: Martha Stretton
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, Jan 22, 2003 4:48 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Martha Stretton (mstretton@vermontel.net) writes:

As a parent and a psychologist, **I** am writing to express my concern about the relationship between American children and the media.

Specifically, I urge the FCC to consider the distinct needs of children in its upcoming rulemaking on broadcast ownership rules.

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Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely yours,
Martha Stretton, Ph.D

Server protocol: HTTP/1.1
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Remote IP address: 216.66.118.213

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From: kdmbrjc@aol.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, Jan 24, 2003 9:49 AM
Subject: I oppose media concentration!

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02 -277

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I do not believe that the studies commissioned by the FCC accurately demonstrate, or even attempt to demonstrate, the negative effects that media deregulation and consolidation have had on the diversity of our media. While there may indeed be more sources of media than ever before, the spectrum of views presented has been severely limited.

The right to conduct an informed debate and discussion of current events is part of the founding philosophy of our nation. Our forefathers believed that democracy was renewed in the marketplace of diverse ideas. If the FCC allows our media outlets to merge and consolidate further, our ability to have an open, informed discussion from a wide variety of viewpoints will be compromised.

I urge the FCC to preserve the public interest by keeping the media ownership rules in question intact.

Also, I support the FCC's plan to hold a public hearing on this matter in Richmond, VA in February of 2003. I strongly encourage the Commission to hold similar hearings in all parts of the country and solicit the widest possible participation from the public. The rarified, lawyerly atmosphere of an FCC rulemaking is not an appropriate decision-making venue when questions as profound as the freedom of our media are at stake. I encourage the Commissioners to come out and meet some of the people who do not have a financial interest in this issue, but a social interest.

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is important that the Commission take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process.

C2-277

From: Paul Wilkins
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: 1/9/03 2:06 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

"I oppose any further relaxation of limits on multiple ownership of media outlets. Allowing single companies to control more media outlets does not promote competition, diversity or localism in today's media market."

From: Debbie pierce
To: Mike Powell
Date: 1/1/03 11:29AM
Subject: weakening regulations

02-27.7

Dear Mr. Powell

Since you are accepting comments on a proposal to weaken or totally drop regulations that limit the number of newspapers or stations 1 company can own, my comment is "do not do it." If this passes it will mean fewer voices heard and the narrower the spectrum of news and viewpoints

Thomas Jefferson said democracy will not last long without a strong & honest press. One does not need a journalism degree to see bias in what news is covered, overcovered and slanted. We need to slow the trend of media monopoly.

Thank you,

Debbie Pierce

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From: Sive Neilan
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, Jan 25, 2003 10:11 AM
Subject: FCC protect media independence

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Sive Neilan
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Portland, ME 04101

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Steve Alley
P.O. Box 773
Corona, California 92878

cc:
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Senator Barbara Boxer
Representative Kevin Calvert

From: sonia joannides
To: Mike Powell
Date: Thu, Jan 23.2003 7:19 PM
Subject: Media

02-277

Dear Mr. Powell:

I am writing to tell you of my opposition to the proposed changes by your agency to the current Media Ownership Rules.

Further concentration of media ownership does not **serve** our democratic society based upon democratic principles, but instead undermines it. Following World War II, our government placed restrictions upon news media outlet ownership because of how totalitarian regimes used controlled media concentrated in the hands of a few corporations and government agencies to control their people and move the world towards war. The proposed changes to the current Media Ownership Rules completely undermines this principle that so many Americans have fought to defend from our country's birth to the present.

Furthermore, the series of reports released by the FCC about the current media marketplace are focused almost entirely on the economic impact of relaxing the ownership rules. They ignore the public's interest in a diverse and independent press. You have also scheduled only one public hearing regarding this issue. The FCC has barely publicized the proposed changes, and combined with a very short public comment period I can only surmise that you hope to sneak these changes past the American people. I certainly didn't find out about them as a result of anything that was done by your agency.

You should be ashamed that an agency under your leadership is not using what is in the best interests of the American public as it's guiding principle, but instead is thinking of what is most profitable for a few huge corporations who only care about the bottom line, not about what is good for democracy.

Sincerely yours,

Philip Prada

From: Starlene Rankin
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, Jan 24, 2003 4:02 AM
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Starlene Rankin
1008 10th St. PMB #411
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: Tatsuro Ichiishi
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sat, Jan 25.2003 11:55 AM
Subject: Relaxation of ownership rules for media outlets

02-277

Dear Chairman Powell and Commission members:

I recently heard a media report about your hearings to explore relaxing rules for ownership of media outlets. I believe that an impartial review will show that most of the media are already concentrated in too few hands.

A relaxation of the rules would limit still further political debate. It is essential to continue to have true diversity in the media in order to maintain our democratic system and way of life. Please vote to uphold the democratic values we all believe in and cherish. Thank you.

Sincerely, Barbara F. Ichiishi
156 Montrose Way
Columbus, OH 43214

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02-277

From: Pjdouglasl@aol.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner
Adelstein, editor@americanfreepress.net
Date: 12/19/02 8:24PM
Subject: We oppose loosening media ownership standards.

The FCC must tighten the standards and restrict the growth of the media monopoly in America. The media giants crave absolute control of the US media and we oppose it and them 100%.

P.J.Douglas
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

From: Winston
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: 12/19/02 9:04PM
Subject: DEAR COMMISSIONER ADELSTEIN

DEAR COMMISSIONER ADELSTEIN:

Please oppose loosening the media ownership standards. Big media corporations already control the media too much. Please work to limit how much media one family or organization can control. Winston Palmer, Arizona

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From: Joe Castronovo
To: Mike Powell
Date: 12/19/02 9:19PM
Subject: Restrict media owners

Mr. Chairman:

Please do not allow media owners to own multiple outlets such as TV, Newspapers, and Radio networks in one market thereby placing a burden upon their willingness to provide unbiased or 'controlled' news to the citizenry of this great nation.

Respectfully,

Joseph Castronovo
Boynton Beach, FL

From: Robert Barrow
To: Mike Powell
Date: 12/20/02 1:23AM
Subject: No additional corporate control of airwaves

Dear Mr. Powell:

Regarding pending legislation, please do not widen the ability of corporate communications companies to extend their grasp of the communications industry. Specifically, I refer to pending possibilities to allow broadcasters and related media to own many more media outlets in specific market areas.

As an example, I live in the Syracuse, NY area, and Clear Channel Communications owns seven radio stations here and just purchased a local TV station.

In addition, personnel on Clear Channel stations pushed for months to have a mall expansion in Syracuse, and it now turns out that when the ambitious "Destiny USA" project is finished in a few years, Clear Channel will be given a very big piece of the entertainment booking pie. The reach of a conglomerate such as Clear Channel into the broadcast/entertainment industry in so many areas of the country is alarming to me, and certainly gives them an unfair advantage in the right of people to both communicate and to experience balanced communications.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Robert Barrow

From: Stuart Ator
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: 12/20/02 9:11AM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Stuart Ator (sator@the-i.net) writes:

Dear Mr. Adelstein,

The mass media has the power of suggestion, the power of scrutiny and the power of censorship. They are in a position to promote stained politicians and conceal such stains in exchange for cooperation with any agendas of the medias owners. Restrictions against monolithic media are there for a good reason, please support them.

Stuart Ator

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From: David Curbow
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: 12/20/02 12:27PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

David Curbow (curbow@pacbell.net) writes:

Dear Commissioner Adelstein.

I read in the Washington Post that you're concerned about limiting ownership of media outlets and are interested in public hearings on the matter. I'm also concerned about this. There's lots of examples -- Clear Channel, News Corp., Viacom, Tribune, etc. How do I know that the information I'm receiving is truthful, and not warped by the message these companies want me to receive?

I use lots of news sources (San Jose Mercury, NYTimes, Washington Post, CNN, BBC, LATimes, NPR, PBS, CSpan), but my parents and other relatives in small town Texas don't have the kind of access I have. They get a much smaller picture of what's going on, and probably less accurate. The fact that I have DSL and they don't contributes to this. The fact that I live in a metro area that values knowledge and information also helps. But, an informed electorate/citizens is too important to say only people like me should be able to piece together information from more than a couple of radio or tv stations owned by the same company.

I'm also concerned about the growing power of cable tv companies -- how was TCI allowed to buy so many competitors, only themselves to be bought by AT&T who where then to be transferred to Cox, each time reducing competitors? It might be OK if these companies were just delivery pipes, but they control what's on those pipes, and often own programming. That's as bad as only having broadcasters owned by Clear Channel or AOL/TimeWarner/CNN in my neighborhood!

Best Regards,
David Curbow

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From: john.public@cox.net
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: 12/21/02 10:41AM
Subject: UNE-P

The FCC should not change ANY of the 1996 Telecommunications Act regulations for Unbundled Network Elements Platforms (UNE-P).

UNE-P is the first time in history that marketplace competition has been allowed to operate in the Telecommunication Sector, and changing the UNE-P provision of the 1996 Telecom Act would not be consistent market-based economic policy. The first six years is not a long enough period of time to determine if a policy change is necessary.

Give it time. The marketplace should and will decide.

John